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SENATE RESOLUTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION to congratulate Tangra Riggle on her selection as Miss Indiana 2002.

Whereas, on June 15, 2002, Tangra Riggle, the daughter of Charles and Shawn Riggle, was named Miss Indiana 2002;

Whereas, Tangra competed in the 2002 Miss Indiana pageant as Miss North Central Indiana;

Whereas, Tangra Riggle, 22 years old, is the oldest of 11 (soon to be 12) siblings;

Whereas, Tangra represented the state of Indiana in the 2002 Miss America competition where she was among the top 15 finalists and won the talent competition with her rendition of "God Bless America";

Whereas, her platform issue, "The Wheels of a Dream: Fostering Educational Opportunities for a Brighter Future," represents her desire to help underprivileged people throughout our state;



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Whereas, Tangra has established two Wheels of a Dream centers in low income neighborhoods in the state and is currently working on a third center to serve the children of the Murdock School District in Lafayette, Indiana;

Whereas, through these centers, Tangra has been able to help single mothers work toward a college degree through distance learning, create opportunities for children in welfare dependent households to receive college scholarships, validate and reinforce academic excellence in students through an incentive program funded by local merchants, and demonstrate how community leaders, businesses, and nonprofit organizations can renew and expand their own commitments to education;

Whereas, Tangra is a pre-med junior at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, where she is majoring in English and communications:

Whereas, upon graduation, Tangra's career ambition is to become a pediatrician in private practice;

Whereas, Tangra is also a licensed real estate agent and holds a black belt in Tae Kwon Do; and

Whereas, with Tangra Riggle serving as an example for the young people of the state of Indiana, the future is indeed bright: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate congratulates Tangra Riggle on her selection as Miss Indiana 2002 and on her participation in the 2002 Miss America Pageant.



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SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Tangra Riggle and her family.



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